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SUBJECT: 1986-87 Dates, Examination Fees and Registration Procedures
for Examinations Required by the Commission on Teacher
Credentialing

This Coded Correspondence is intended to set forth the schedules, fees and registration procedures for all the examinations required by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing for the academic year 1986-87. The information is summarized in a table at the end of the memorandum.

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CALIFORNIA BASIC EDUCATIONAL SKILLS TEST (CBEST)

Who Should Take the Test

This test must be passed for the issuance of a first teaching or service credential and for an Emergency Credential if the applicant does not already hold a valid California credential. Applicants for health services credentials, for credentials to teach non-academic subjects in adult education programs, for credentials in certain designated subjects, and for Children's Center Permits for which the baccalaureate degree is not required are exempt from this requirement.

The test must also be passed to qualify for employment in certain circumstances.

Applicants for admission to a professional preparation program approved by the Commission are required to take the test for diagnostic purposes. Some of the programs may have additional CBEST requirements for admission.

Once the test has been passed, it need not be retaken again for the issuance of any credential or for employment. The passing scores are good for the life of the examinee. If passing scores are obtained on one or more sections of the test, the examinee cannot be required to repeat these sections.

Test Dates, Fees, and Registration Procedures

Test dates. The test will be administered on:

June 14, 1986	February 7, 1987
August 9, 1986	April 11, 1987
September 27, 1986	June 13, 1987
December 13, 1986	August 8, 1987

Test fees. The fee for this test is \$32.

Test registration. The procedures and form needed to register for the test are provided in the Information Bulletin, which also includes Test Centers, and all of the questions and essay topics from one previously used form of the CBEST with graded essay responses. A supply of these bulletins for 1986-87 will be available in late July, in school district and county personnel offices, and in the testing offices of four-year colleges or universities having programs that qualify people for credentials, certificates or permits. Additional information on registration deadlines and late registration fees is given in the table on page 11.

NTE COMMON EXAMINATIONS (MULTIPLE SUBJECTS CREDENTIAL)

The NTE Common Examinations are no longer offered. Passing scores obtained on the three required sections of this test (Written English Expression; Social Studies, Literature and Fine Arts; and Science and Mathematics) will be accepted by the Commission for a period of five years from the date the scores were obtained, however.

The required passing scores are shown on page 14.

NTE GENERAL KNOWLEDGE TEST OF THE CORE BATTERY (MULTIPLE SUBJECTS CREDENTIAL)

Who Should Take the Test

The subject matter requirement for the Multiple Subjects Credential may be met by obtaining a passing score on the General Knowledge Test of the NTE Core Battery. It is not necessary to take any other tests in the NTE Core Battery for the issuance of a credential. The passing score is 660.

This means of satisfying the subject matter requirement is used by credential applicants who have not completed an approved subject matter program in a California institution.

Some California colleges and universities may require that the General Knowledge Test be passed as a condition for admission to a teacher preparation program or as a condition of admission to student teaching if a person has not completed an approved subject matter preparation program. Information about this possible test requirements should be obtained from the appropriate Department or School Education Office.

Test Dates and Fees

This test will be offered at three national administrations (October 25 1986, March 7, 1987, and June 27, 1987 at one special statewide administration (December 6, 1986).

The fee for taking just the General Knowledge part of the Core Battery is \$28.00 regardless of whether it is taken at a national administration or at the special statewide administration. Surcharges for late registration are shown on page 11.

Registration Procedures

The registration procedures are different for each of the two kinds of administrations (national and special statewide). These are discussed separately in the paragraphs below.

National administrations. Registration for the national administrations may be completed using forms included in the Bulletin of Information for the National Teacher Examinations. Copies of this Bulletin may be obtained from the testing office of any college or university offering teacher preparation programs.

Ticketron registration is no longer available, as it has been in previous years.

Special statewide administrations. Registration for the special statewide administrations may be initiated by contacting one of the test centers listed on page 15 to reserve a place for the administration. Test fees are to be paid by check or money order on the day of the test administration; cash cannot be accepted at the test center.

It should be noted that at this special administration the General Knowledge Test will be administered in the morning of the scheduled date, and the Specialty Area Tests will be administered in the afternoon of the same date. Only the General Knowledge Test of the Core Battery will be administered. It will not be possible to take any other tests from the Core Battery at this special statewide administration.

NTE SPECIALTY AREA TESTS (SINGLE SUBJECT CREDENTIALS)

Who Should Take the Test

The subject matter requirement for a Single Subject Credential may be met by obtaining a passing score on the appropriate NTE Specialty Area Test. This means of satisfying the requirement is used by credential applicants who have not completed an approved subject matter program in California institutions. The required passing scores are listed on page 14.

Applicants for a Teacher Trainee Certificate are required to pass the appropriate NTE Specialty Area Test as evidence of subject matter preparation in the area he/she wishes to teach. Requirements for this Certificate were discussed in Coded Correspondence 83-8435.

Some California colleges and universities may require that the Specialty Area tests be passed as a condition for admission to a teacher preparation program or admission to student teaching if a person has not completed an approved subject matter preparation program. Information about this possible test requirement should be obtained from the appropriate department or School of Education office.

Test Dates, Fees, and Registration Procedures

The specialty area tests will be offered at three national administrations (November 8, 1986, March 28, 1987 and July 11, 1987) and at one special statewide administration (December 6, 1986). These tests are administered in the afternoon at the special administration. More detail on registration dates and deadlines is given on page 12.

The test fee is \$35.00.

The registration procedures for the two kinds of administrations are the same as those described above for the NTE General Knowledge Test.

CLEP ENGLISH COMPOSITION WITH ESSAY (SINGLE SUBJECT-ENGLISH CREDENTIAL)

Who Should Take the Test

The CLEP English Composition with Essay Test is now required only of applicants for the Single Subject-English Credential who satisfy the subject matter requirements by examination. This CLEP test is considered to be a part of the subject matter requirement for this credential. The required passing score is 680 for forms introduced prior to May 1986, and 570 for forms introduced in May 1986 and later. These two passing standards represent equivalent levels of proficiency.

Applicants for credentials other than the Single Subject-English Credential are no longer required to take this test. Obtaining a passing score on the CBEST, which is now required of initial teaching and service credential applicants, will satisfy the writing proficiency requirement for any other credential.

Those people who received a one year preliminary credential to teach subjects other than English, prior to February 1, 1983, do not have to take the CBEST, but will have to satisfy the writing proficiency requirement for the credential. They may do so by passing either the CBEST Writing Test or the CLEP English Composition with Essay Test. The CLEP passing score for these credential applicants is 630 for forms introduced prior to May 1986 and 520 for forms introduced in May 1986 and later.

Test Dates and Fees

This test will be administered during the third week of the months of October 1986, and January, and June 1987, and in the second week of April 1987. The calendar dates are shown on page 12.

The test fee is \$30.00. There is no late registration surcharge, but registration must be completed four weeks prior to the date of the administration.

Registration Procedures

Those needing or wishing to register for this test may do so by using the registration form included in Moving Ahead with CLEP. This publication may be obtained from the testing offices of most California universities and colleges, or by writing to CLEP, CN6600, Princeton, N.J. 08541-6600. The institutions at which the test is offered are listed in Moving Ahead with CLEP.

The requirement that those who fail the CLEP test must wait six months before retaking it has been waived for those taking the test for a teaching credential.

BILINGUAL CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE EXAMINATION - SPANISH

Who Must Take the Test

Applicants for a Bilingual Certificate of Competence in Spanish must obtain passing scores on each of the three components of this examination: Culture and History; Methodology; and Language Proficiency in English and Spanish.

A person who has previously obtained a passing score on any of the components need NOT repeat that, or those, component(s) on the examination. Only the components that have not been passed at any time need be repeated. Information on the passing scores on the current examination may be obtained from the Bilingual Testing Service at the address at the end of this section.

Test Dates, Fees, and Registration Procedures

This examination will be administered on June 7 and August 16, 1986. Dates of future 1986-87 administrations are yet to be determined, and will be publicized as soon as they are known.

Registration deadlines are approximately three weeks prior to the date of the administration for which the registration is being submitted. The detailed dates are shown on page 13.

The fee for the total examination is \$120. The fee for taking any of the components is \$46, except that if only the English or only the Spanish parts of the language components is taken the fee will be \$42.

Registration material is included in the Information Bulletin for the examination, which also includes a description of the test and sample questions. An Information Bulletin may be obtained from the Testing Office of any of the test centers listed on page 12 or, from: Bilingual Testing Service, University of Southern California, WPU 1002, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0031, (213) 743-6216 or (213) 743-6267.

BILINGUAL CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE EXAMINATION- LANGUAGES OTHER THAN SPANISH

An examination that covers Culture and History, Methodology, and Language Proficiency must be passed to obtain a Bilingual Certificate of Competence in each of a number of languages other than Spanish. Each of these examinations is developed and administered by one or more assessor agencies.

Details on test dates, fees, administration arrangements and passing standards should be obtained from the appropriate agency as listed below:

<u>Language(s)</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Contact Person/Telephone No.</u>
Armenian	University of La Verne	Dr. Garvis Deryeghiayan Dr. Skip Mainiero (714) 593-3511
Cambodian Lao Pilipino Vietnamese	San Diego State University	Dr. Alberto Ochoa (619) 265-5155
Cantonese Tagalog	National Hispanic University	Dr. Carmen Canales (415) 451-0511
Cantonese Japanese Korean Mandarin Pilipino Vietnamese	University of Southern California	Ms. Rebecca Salazar (213) 743-6267
Hmong Portuguese	Merced County Super- intendent of Schools	Ms. Margaret Garcia (209) 385-8406

BILINGUAL CERTIFICATE OF ASSESSMENT COMPETENCE
EXAMINATION - SPANISH

Who Must Take the Test

Applicants for a Bilingual Certificate of Assessment Competence-Spanish must pass an examination of proficiency in Spanish and knowledge of assessment procedures appropriate for students with limited English proficiency who might be placed in special education classes. Passing scores must be obtained on Oral Production and on at least two of the other three sections of the examination (Case Study, Audio Transcription and a multiple choice test of knowledge). Minimal acceptable scores have been established for the section that is not passed.

A person must take the entire examination until at least one section has been passed; a section that has been passed need not be repeated.

Test Dates, Fees, and Registration Procedures

The examination will be administered on May 17 and October 11, 1986 and on May 16, 1987. Registration deadlines are given on page 13.

The fee for the total examination is \$120. The fee for taking the Case Study or Oral Production section of the test is \$45 per section, and the fee for taking the Multiple Choice or Audio Transcription section is \$35 per section.

Registration material is included in an Information Bulletin for the examination. The Bulletin may be obtained from the Cross Cultural Resource Center, California State University, 580 University Avenue, Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95825 or from the BCAC Examination, Commission on Teacher Credentialing, 1020 O Street, Sacramento, CA 94244-2700. The telephone numbers of these agencies are (916) 929-3700 and (916) 322-3220 respectively.

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST EXAMINATION

Who Must Take the Test

Applicants for the Language Development Specialist Certificate must pass an examination developed to assess the knowledge and competence appropriate for this certificate. In order to qualify to take the examination, an applicant must hold a valid California teaching credential, and must satisfy certain program or teaching experience requirements.

Test Dates, Fees, and Administration Arrangements

This examination will be administered on July 25 and November 15, 1986. Information on registration deadlines is given on page 13. The 1987 administration dates have not yet been set.

The entire examination must be taken until at least one section has been passed. The fee for taking the entire examination is \$120. The fee for taking only the Objective Section is \$42; the fee for taking only the Integrative Section is \$90.

The examination is generally administered in three areas of the State: San Francisco Bay Area, Central San Joaquin Valley, and Los Angeles-Orange County Area.

Test Registration

A description of the test, examination eligibility requirements, and registration procedures are provided in an LDS Examination Bulletin of Information. Copies of the Bulletin may be obtained from

LDS Examination, Commission on Teacher Credentialing, P.O. Box 1883,
Sacramento, CA 95809-1883 or by calling (916) 322-3220.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NEEDS

If there are unanswered questions about test requirements, dates, fees or registration procedures, the sources shown below may be consulted as appropriate to the particular information need.

Test Requirements for a Credential

A Credential Officer in a school district or in the office of the county superintendent of schools or at a college or university offering an approved examination waiver program, or

The Commission on Teacher Credentialing
P.O. Box 94427
Sacramento, CA 94244-2700
(916) 445-7254

CBEST Information Bulletins, Registration, and Special Center Arrangements

CBEST Program
Educational Testing Service
1947 Center Street
Berkeley, CA 94704
(415) 849-0950

National Teacher Examinations Bulletins, Registration or Special Centers

NTE Programs
Educational Testing Service

815 Colorado Blvd., Suite 606
Los Angeles, CA 90041
(213) 258-8222

1947 Center Street
Berkeley, CA 94704
(415) 849-0950

Rosedale Road
Princeton, NJ 08541
(609) 734-5293

College Level Examination Program Information Bulletins and Registration

College Board
2099 Gateway Place, Suite 480
San Jose, CA 95110
(408) 288-6800

Bilingual Certificate of Competence (Spanish) Examination Information
Bulletins and Registration

Bilingual Testing Service
University of Southern California
WPU 1002
Los Angeles, CA 90089-0031
(213) 743-6216 OR (213) 743-6267

Bilingual Certificate of Assessment Competence (Spanish) Examination
Information Bulletins and Registration

Cross Cultural Resource Center
California State University, Sacramento OR
580 University Avenue, Suite A
Sacramento, CA 95825
(916) 929-3708

BCAC Examination
Commission on Teacher
Credentialing
1020 O Street
Sacramento, CA 94244-2700
(961) 322-3220

Language Development Specialist Examination

LDS Examination
Commission on Teacher Credentialing
P.O. Box 1883
Sacramento, CA 95809-1883
(916) 445-3224

TEST DATES, DEADLINES, AND FEES FOR EXAMINATIONS REQUIRED BY THE CALIFORNIA
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Test Dates		Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Test Fee
CALIFORNIA BASIC EDUCATIONAL SKILLS TEST (CBEST)				
June 14, 1986		May 19, 1986	May 23, 1986	\$32 Regular registration
August 9, 1986		July 14, 1986	July 21, 1986	\$35 Late registration
September 27, 1986		September 1, 1986	September 5, 1986	
December 13, 1986		November 17, 1986	November 21, 1986	
February 7, 1987		January 12, 1987	January 16, 1987	
April 11, 1987		March 16, 1987	March 20, 1987	
June 13, 1987		May 18, 1987	May 22, 1987	
August 8, 1987		July 13, 1987	July 17, 1987	

NTE GENERAL KNOWLEDGE TEST OF THE CORE BATTERY

National Administration	October 25, 1986	September 22, 1986	September 29, 1986	\$28 Regular registration
Special Statewide Administration	December 6, 1986	November 14, 1986	Not applicable	\$42 Late registration for National administrations
National Administration	March 7, 1987	February 2, 1987	February 9, 1987	
National Administration	June 27, 1987	May 25, 1987	June 1, 1987	

TEST DATES, DEADLINES AND FEES (continued)

	Regular Registration Deadline		Late Registration Deadline		Test Fee
	Test Dates	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Test Fee	
NTE SPECIALTY AREA TESTS					
National Administration	November 8, 1986	October 6, 1986	October 13, 1986	\$35 Regular registration	
Special Statewide Administration	December 6, 1986	November 14, 1986	Not applicable	\$48 Late registration for national administrations	
National Administration	March 28, 1987	February 23, 1987	March 2, 1987		
National Administration	July 11, 1987	June 8, 1987	June 15, 1987		

CLEP ENGLISH COMPOSITION WITH ESSAY

June 16-21, 1986	Four weeks prior to administration	\$30
October 13-18, 1986	Four weeks prior to administration	\$30
January 12-17, 1987	Four weeks prior to administration	\$30
April 6-10, 1987	Four weeks prior to administration	\$30
June 15-20, 1987	Four weeks prior to administration	\$30

TEST DATES, DEADLINES AND FEES (continued)

Test Dates	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Test Fee
June 7, 1986	May 16, 1986	May 23, 1986	\$120 for total test
August 16, 1986	July 25, 1986	August 1, 1986	\$46 for any one component
Dates for additional 1986-87 administrations will be publicized as soon as they are set.			\$42 if only the English or Spanish parts of the language component is taken
			\$5 Surcharge for late registration

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST EXAMINATION

July 25, 1986	June 27, 1986	Not applicable	\$120 for total test
November 15, 1986	October 10, 1986		\$42 for objective
Dates for the 1987 administrations will be publicized as soon as they are set			\$90 for Integrative

BILINGUAL CERTIFICATE OF ASSESSMENT COMPETENCE EXAMINATION-SPANISH

May 17, 1986	May 6, 1986	Not applicable	\$120 for total test
October 11, 1986	September 13, 1986	Not applicable	\$45 for Case Study or Oral Production
May 16, 1987	April 17, 1987	Not applicable	\$35 for Audi Transcript Multiple Choice

ESTABLISHED PASSING SCORES FOR EXAMINATIONS REQUIRED BY THE
CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING

Passing scores for all tests other than the CBEST may be used to meet credential requirements for five years from the date the test was taken. CBEST scores may be used at any time after the test has been passed. No appeals from established passing standards on any test are possible. The required passing scores are shown below.

- CALIFORNIA BASIC EDUCATIONAL SKILLS TEST (CBEST)

A total score of 123, with no part score (Reading, Mathematics, or Writing) below 37.

- NTE GENERAL KNOWLEDGE TEST - 660

- NTE COMMON EXAMINATIONS

<u>Written English Expression</u>	<u>60</u>
<u>Social Science, Literature & Fine Arts</u>	<u>62</u>
<u>Science & Mathematics</u>	<u>62</u>

- NTE SPECIALTY AREA TESTS

<u>Agriculture (Formula Score)</u>	<u>75</u>
<u>Art Education</u>	<u>620</u>
<u>Biology & General Science</u>	<u>680</u>
<u>Business Education</u>	<u>630</u>
<u>Chemistry, Physics & General Science</u>	<u>630</u>
<u>English Language & Literature</u>	<u>620</u>
<u>French</u>	<u>680</u>
<u>German</u>	<u>630</u>
<u>Home Economics Education</u>	<u>650</u>
<u>Industrial Arts Education</u>	<u>640</u>
<u>Mathematics</u>	<u>630</u>
<u>Music Education</u>	<u>620</u>
<u>Physical Education</u>	<u>640</u>
<u>Social Studies</u>	<u>630</u>
<u>Spanish</u>	<u>650</u>
<u>Reading Specialist/Miller Unruh</u>	<u>630</u>
<u>Introduction to the Teaching of Reading</u>	<u>680</u>

- CLEP ENGLISH COMPOSITION WITH ESSAY

Forms Prior to May 1986	Forms May 1986 and Later
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<u>Single Subject-English Credential</u>	<u>680</u>	<u>570</u>
<u>All other Credentials</u>	<u>630</u>	<u>520</u>

The two CLEP passing scores for each type of credential represent equivalent levels of writing proficiency. They reflect only the fact that the scale on which the scores are reported was changed starting with the form used in May 1986. If the test was taken prior to May 1986, the higher passing score is appropriate. If the test was taken in May 1986 or later, the lower passing score should be used unless the score report shows that the 1978 scale was used for reporting.

TEST CENTERS

- For CBEST, NTE, the Two Bilingual and the Language Development Specialist Certificate Examinations, the test centers are listed in the Information Bulletins, which also contain registration materials.
- The following test centers were established for the SPECIAL STATE-WIDE ADMINISTRATIONS of the NTE General Knowledge and Specialty Area Tests. Most of these test centers will probably administer the tests in December 1986 as well, but this is not definite.

Arcata, Humboldt State University (707) 826-3611
Bakersfield, CSC Bakersfield (805) 833-2131
Callexico, San Diego State University (619) 357-3721, X44
Carson, CSU Dominguez Hills (213) 516-3909
Chico, CSU Chico (916) 895-6218
Fresno, CSU Fresno (209) 294-2457
Fullerton, CSU Fullerton (714) 773-3121
Glendale, Glendale Community College (213) 258-8222**
Irvine, UC Irvine (714) 856-5117
Long Beach, Brooks College (213) 597-6611, X288
Los Angeles, University of So. California (213) 743-7308
Moraga, Saint Mary's College (415) 849-0950*
Riverside, UC Riverside (714) 787-5531
Sacramento, CSU Sacramento (916) 454-6296
San Bernardino, CSC San Bernardino (714) 887-7437
San Diego, San Diego State University (619) 265-5216
San Francisco, San Francisco State University (415) 469-2271
Stanford, Stanford University (415) 497-4891
Stockton, University of the Pacific (209) 946-2559

Sunday administration for Saturday Sabbath observers:

Angwin, Pacific Union College (707) 965-7364

Riverside, Loma Linda University (714) 785-2079

* This is the telephone number for the Educational Testing Service in Berkeley, which is handling the registration for this one test site.

** This is the telephone number for the Educational Testing Service in Los Angeles, which is handling the registration for this one test site.

- For the CLEP ENGLISH COMPOSITION WITH ESSAY test, the list of the test centers where the test is to be administered may be obtained from the Testing Office of nearly all California colleges and universities.